In the Claims

Please amend Claims 3, 35 and 79. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - ii).

3. (Three Times Amended) A method of processing service requests from a client to a server system through a network, said method comprising the steps of:

forwarding a service request from the client to the server system, wherein communications between the client and server system are according to hypertext transfer protocol;

returning a session identifier from the server system to the client, the client storing the session identifier for use in subsequent distinct requests to the server system; and

appending the stored session identifier to each of the subsequent distinct requests from the client to the server system.

35. (Three Times Amended) An information system on a network, comprising:

means for receiving service requests from a client and for determining whether a service request includes a session identifier, wherein communications to and from the client are according to hypertext transfer protocol;

means for providing the session identifier in response to an initial service request from the client in a session of requests;

means for storing, at the client, the session identifier for use in each communication to the server system;

means for appending the stored session identifier to each of subsequent communications from the client to the server system; and

means for servicing the subsequent service requests.

79. (Twice Amended) A method of processing service requests from a client to a server system through a network, said method comprising the steps of:

forwarding a service request from the client to the server system, wherein communications between the client and server system are according to hypertext transfer protocol;

returning a session identifier from the server system to the client, the client storing the session identifier for use in subsequent communications; and

at the client, appending as part of a path name in a uniform resource locator the stored session identifier to each subsequent service request from the client to the server system within a session of requests.

Please add new Claims 112 - 115.

112.   (New) A method of processing, in a server system, service requests from a client to the server system through a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the client, a service request to which a session identifier stored at the client has been appended by the client, wherein communications between the client and server system are according to hypertext transfer protocol;

validating the session identifier appended to the service request; and

servicing the service request if the appended session identifier is valid.

113.   (New) The method of Claim 112, further comprising, in the server system:

receiving an initial service request from the client;

creating, responsive to the initial service request, the session identifier; and

returning the session identifier to the client for storage by the client for use in subsequent distinct requests to the server system.

114.   (New) A method of processing, in a server system, uniform resource locator (URL) calls from a client to the server system through a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the client, a URL call to which a session identifier stored at the client has been appended by the client;

validating the session identifier appended to the URL; and

servicing the URL call if the appended session identifier is valid.

115.   (New) The method of Claim 114, further comprising, in the server system:

receiving an initial URL call from the client;